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NEW LOOK FOR SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH AT NIA

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) will announce in the very near future a reorganization of its extramural research structure, which is intended to give greater definition to psychological research without downplaying existing commitments to biomedical and to social science research. Currently extramural activity (which is by far the larger part of NIA's work) is divided into two main programs: Biomedical Research and Clinical Medicine, and Behavioral and Social Research. Research psychologists, especially those with interests in the neuropsychological aspects of cognition, have sometimes felt that their proposals fell between the cracks.

The two existing programs will continue. A third, new, program will be Neuroscience and Neuropsychology of Aging. This will include basic neurobiology of aging; the etiology, diagnosis, and epidemiology of Alzheimer's disease; and neuropsychology. The neuropsychology cluster will comprise sections on Sensory Physiology and Psychology; Psychobiology of Aging, with an emphasis on animal

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studies; and Cognitive Aging, which will focus on neuropsychological aspects of basic cognitive mechanisms and processes such as attention, memory, etc.

Cognitive research will continue also to be represented in the Behavioral and Social Research Program (BSRP), in a section called Cognitive Functioning and Aging, for research without explicit reference to the neurophysiological substrate. This and another section, Personality and Social Psychological Aging, will constitute a cluster within BSRP called Adult Psychological Development. The behavioral emphasis of this cluster accommodates not just psychologists but other social scientists with behaviorally oriented proposals. A second cluster, Social Science Research on Aging, aims to understand social and environmental conditions and institutions influencing health, well-being, and functioning in the middle and later years. This cluster will also include attention to the relationships among health, behavior, and aging. A final cluster within BSRP focuses on social, economic, and demographic systems, the aging population, and the impact of these processes in society as a whole.

The Director of NIA, T. Franklin Williams, consulted with COSSA and other interested groups as well as a wide range of researchers before undertaking the reorganization. More detailed program information is available from the NIA.

100th CONGRESS CONVENES: DEMOCRATS TAKE CHARGE, DEFICIT STILL LOOMS

The 100th Congress was sworn in January 6, 1987. Since then the Senate has organized and begun a series of hearings that make clear the impact of the switch to Democratic control. The House has moved much more slowly to organize and to resume its work. Details of the FY 1988 budget not included in the brief version released on January 5 will be unveiled the week of January 26. The President, burdened by the Iran-Contra revelations and by health problems, will deliver his State of the Union address on January 27. Once these events are out of the way, the season of hearings, markups, and compromises will begin in earnest. So will the maneuvering between the White House and Capitol Hill to produce a budget agreement.

The Senate Organizes

Senate committee assignments were completed the week of January 5. Democrats replaced Republicans as chairmen of all committees and subcommittees. House committee assignments are being finalized this week and will be reported in a later issue of Update.

It is in the Budget Committee where the initial funding battles for agencies of importance to social and behavioral scientists begins. Lawton Chiles (D-FL) is the new Chairman. Pete Domenici (R-NM) will be the ranking minority member. Functions 250 (General Science, Space, and Technology), 500 (Education, Training, Employment, and Social Services) and 550 (Health) are the major parts of the budget that this Committee must be convinced to support, so that the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA), Education, and other agencies will receive sufficient funding amounts that will allow the authorizing and appropriating committees room to maneuver.

Budget Committee roster:

Lawton Chiles (D-FL), Chair	Pete Domenici (R-NM), ranking minority
Ernest Hollings (D-SC)	William Armstrong (R-CO)
J. Bennett Johnston (D-LA)	Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS)
Jim Sasser (D-TN)	Rudy Boschwitz (R-MN)
Don Riegle (D-MI)	Steve Symms (R-ID)
J. James Exon (D-NE)	Charles Grassley (R-IA)
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)	Bob Kasten (R-WI)
Paul Simon (D-IL)	Dan Quayle (R-IN)
Terry Sanford (D-NC)	John Danforth (R-MO)
Tim Wirth (D-CO)	Don Nickles (R-OK)
Wyche Fowler (D-GA)	Warren Rudman (R-NH)
Kent Conrath (D-ND)	
Christopher Dodd (D-CT)	

Edward Kennedy (D-MA) became Chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, which is responsible for health, education, welfare, and labor issues, as well as sharing jurisdiction over NSF's authorization. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), the previous chairman, now becomes the ranking minority member. Within the Committee, new subcommittee chairman are: Claiborne Pell (D-RI), Education, Arts, and Humanities; Spark Matsunaga (D-HI), Aging; Paul Simon (D-IL), Employment and Productivity; Chris Dodd (D-CT), Children, Family, Drugs, and Alcoholism; Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH), Labor; and Tom Harkin (D-IA), Handicapped.

Labor and Human Resources Committee roster:

Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Chair	Orrin Hatch (R-UT), ranking minority
Claiborne Pell (D-RI)	Lowell Weicker (R-CT)
Spark Matsunaga (D-HI)	Robert Stafford (R-VT)
Paul Simon (D-IL)	Dan Quayle (R-IN)
Christopher Dodd (D-CT)	Strom Thurmond (R-SC)
Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH)	Thad Cochran* (R-MS)
Tom Harkin* (D-IA)	Gordon Humphrey* (R-NH)
Brock Adams* (D-WA)	
Barbara Mikulski* (D-MD)	

*new members

The new chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee is Ernest Hollings (D-SC). Don Riegle (D-MI) is now Chairman of the Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee, which also has jurisdiction over NSF's authorization.

Science, Technology and Space Subcommittee roster:

Don Riegle (D-MI), Chair	Larry Pressler (R-SD), ranking minority
Albert Gore (D-TN)	Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS)
Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)	Paul Tribble (R-VA)
Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX)	Pete Wilson (R-CA)
John Kerry (D-MA)	
Brock Adams (D-WA)	

William Proxmire (D-WI) is now Chairman of the HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee which decides appropriations for NSF. Jake Garn (R-UT) will be the ranking minority member. This Subcommittee will determine if the President's proposed 17% increase for FY 1988 for the Foundation will survive.

HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee roster:

William Proxmire (D-WI), Chair	Jake Garn (R-UT), ranking minority
John Stennis (D-MS)	Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY)
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	Pete Domenici (R-NM)
J. Bennett Johnston (D-LA)	Charles Grassley (R-IA)
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)	Don Nickles (R-OK)
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	

The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee determines funding for NIH, ADAMHA, and the many agencies within the departments in its title. The new Chairman of the Subcommittee is Lawton Chiles (D-FL). As mentioned before, Chiles is also Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, which sets monetary guidelines for the Appropriations Committee. This dual chairmanship will give the Florida Senator extraordinary power and influence over the budgets of these domestic policy agencies.

Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Appropriations Subcommittee roster:

Lawton Chiles (D-FL), Chair	Lowell Weicker (R-CT), ranking minority
Robert Byrd (D-WV)	Mark Hatfield (R-OR)
William Proxmire (D-WI)	Ted Stevens (R-AK)
Ernest Hollings (D-SC)	Warren Rudman (R-NH)
Quentin Burdick (D-ND)	Arlen Specter (R-PA)
Daniel Inouye (D-HI)	James McClure (R-ID)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)	Pete Domenici (R-NM)
Dale Bumpers (D-AR)	

Other new appropriations subcommittee chairmen are: Quentin Burdick (D-ND), Agriculture (agricultural research); Ernest Hollings (D-SC), Commerce, Justice, and State (Census Bureau, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Fulbright Programs at the United States Information Agency); John Stennis (D-MS), Defense (University Research Initiative); Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Foreign Operations (Agency for International Development, international science organizations and programs); Robert Byrd (D-WV), Interior and Related Agencies (National Endowment for the Humanities); and Dale Bumpers (D-AR), Legislative Branch (Library of Congress).

Important note: These legislators are important for research funding opportunities for social and behavioral scientists. Often Members of Congress complain that they do not know or understand what it is that social scientists do. If you are planning a trip to the Washington area, it would help the cause if you could take time to visit your Senators or Representative and tell him/her about your research. COSSA will be glad to handle the arrangements, if you desire.

Committee hearings begin: Democrats seek to control agenda

During the week of January 12, the Democrats held a series of hearings they hoped would establish their agenda for the 100th Congress. Sam Nunn (D-GA), new chair of the Armed Services Committee, made clear that the Defense Department would need to defend its funding request on the basis of overall military and national security strategy. Claiborne Pell (D-RI), new chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, held hearings to investigate American foreign policy-making. It was Senator Kennedy and the Labor and Human Resources Committee, however, which demonstrated most clearly that the shift in control would mean a shift of priorities. Kennedy's Committee held four days of hearings -- with more planned -- to examine the big picture in health, employment, education, and AIDS. The health hearings focused on proposals for catastrophic health insurance and the need to protect those 37 million Americans without any kind of health insurance. The employment hearings dealt with the unemployment picture, the replacement of high-paying industrial jobs by low-paying service sector employment (Barry Bluestone, professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, was a key witness on this point), and the introduction of a jobs program to guarantee work for every American who wants it. The education hearings aired bipartisan criticism of Secretary William Bennett for proposing a budget for his Department that the Senators claimed would damage education in this country.

The budget game and the competitiveness issue: what's ahead

This is supposed to be the second year of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings (GRH). The deficit target for FY 1988 is \$108 billion. The President claims the economic assumptions, program terminations, and revenue raising strategies, i.e., user fees and asset sales, create an administration budget that meets the target. Very few in Congress believe the economic assumptions, will buy many of the proposed program terminations, or are willing to sell as much as the administration wants. The Congressional Budget Office claims the FY 1987 deficit will be \$169 billion, not the \$144 billion GRH target Congress supposedly achieved after last year's deliberations.

It appears we are where we were at the beginning of last year's budget game. 'Responsible' legislators are claiming the deficit cannot be reduced without some form of tax increase, and the White House and Congress need to meet in a 'budget summit' to work out a deal. The administration is claiming they will not increase any taxes and will not meet with Congressional leaders if that is part of the negotiations. There is some support for changing the GRH target or ignoring it altogether, although that is viewed as politically risky. Conventional wisdom suggests another year of pushing and pulling with Congress and the administration once again using various budgetary tricks and gimmicks to reach the \$108 billion deficit target.

The other significant trend so far is the emergence of 'competitiveness' as the new buzzword for policy panaceas. There are almost a dozen groups in Washington examining or advocating the competitiveness of the U. S. and how to improve it. Over 150 Members have joined a Congressional Competitiveness Caucus to "help U.S. industries compete in world markets." Competitiveness is usually linked to trade issues, but also encompasses such issues as education, training, research, and technology. NSF Director Erich Bloch sold the White House on the large increase for the Foundation on the basis of the importance of basic research to the nation's competitive standing. He, and those supporting the NSF budget increase, will no doubt use the same arguments with the legislative branch.

COSSA WELCOMES NEW CONTRIBUTOR, AFFILIATE

The Consortium is pleased to announce that the American Council of Learned Societies has joined as a Contributor. Based in New York, ACLS is a federation of over 45 national organizations concerned with humanistic scholarship and with the humanistic aspects of the social sciences and other fields. The Council's membership includes many of the founding Members of COSSA.

Also joining COSSA as an Affiliate is the Society for Research on Adolescence. SRA was established in 1985 to promote the understanding of adolescence through research and dissemination and to provide a forum for faculty and student researchers.

SOURCES OF RESEARCH SUPPORT: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COSSA provides this information as a service and encourages readers to contact the agency rather than COSSA for more information. A comprehensive list of federal funding sources is included in COSSA's Guide to Federal Funding for Social Scientists.

National Institute of Justice

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the principal federal agency supporting research, development, evaluation, and dissemination programs to improve and strengthen the criminal justice system. NIJ fulfills its research function through an extramural research program, fellowship programs, and in-house research. Policy-oriented research with practical benefits is given a high priority, as are new and improved approaches for state and local agencies to use in preventing and reducing crime. For the past several years, NIJ has placed less emphasis on funding unsolicited, basic research projects in favor of a program of targeted, applied research.

NIJ's solicitation for FY 1987 includes the following programs:

"Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime" (contact Bernard Gropper, 202/724-7631; deadlines are February 25 and May 27)

"Crime Control Theory and Policy" (contact Joel Garner, 202/724-7635; deadlines are February 11 and May 13)

"Offender Classification and Prediction of Criminal Behavior" (contact Richard Laymon, 202/724-7635; deadlines are February 4 and May 6)

"Violent Criminal Behavior" (contact Helen Erskine, 202/724-7631; deadlines are February 18 and May 20)

"Property Offenders' Perceptions of Risks" (contact Winifred L. Reed, 202/724-7635)

"Victims and the Criminal Justice System" (deadline is April 24) and "Public Safety and Security" (deadlines are February 13 and May 15) (contact Lawrence A. Bennett, 202/724-2956)

"Apprehension and Prosecution of Criminal Offenders" (deadlines are February 20 and May 22) and "Punishment and Control of Offenders" (deadlines are February 27 and May 29) (contact Fred Heinzmann, 202/724-2949)

"Forensic and Criminal Justice Technology" (contact Joseph T. Kochanski, 202/724-2962; deadline is March 13)

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